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Mga nasa bingit ng buhay: ang kanilang hiling, dalangin



Bush-Kerry race deadlocked six days before US elections

SIOUX CITY, Iowa—In the mail, on the phone and in courtrooms across the nation, activists, lawyers and partisans of all kinds are intensifying their efforts to shape the outcome of next week's presidential election.

New state polls suggest that the race between US President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry was deadlocked in Florida, Ohio and

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

4 vital gov't witnesses in Nida murder missing

By Philip C. Tubeza

LESS than two weeks before the third death anniversary of actress Nida Blanca, the Department of Justice yesterday announced that four vital government witnesses in the case had gone missing.

One of the witnesses, a helper of former

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MILKSHAKE... Holidays (caption partially illegible)

SPICE in former life of Sen. Lito Lapid, Melodie Marquez, ... at Senate lounge.

THE DISTAFF side came in their finery to celebrate the 88th anniversary of the Senate. From left, Rep. Cynthia Villar, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Marissa Lapid and Alice Larrazo.

Abaya wife: Name names

AFP chief's spouse dares Miriam

By Alcuin Papa and Michael Lim Ubac

THE WIFE of the outgoing Armed Forces chief of staff wants Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago to name the spouses of senior military officials who are supposedly involved in "institutionalized" corruption in the AFP.

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TROUBLE with ... headquarters for Marine Lt. Col. ... (caption partially illegible)

Cops nab RP's most wanted criminal

By Tonette Orejas

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—Police yesterday announced the capture of an alleged kidnapper and hired gun tagged as the country's most wanted criminal.

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Ombudsman wants boy, girl scouts to check AFP corruption

By Luige A. del Puerto and Armand N. Nocum

THE YOUTH can now do their share in the fight against corruption in the military, according to two government agencies.

The Office of the Ombudsman wants children to

JDV wants House to end Garcia probe

By Cynthia D. Balana, Alcuin Papa and Armand N. Nocum

SPEAKER Jose de Venecia yesterday called for the termination of the House inquiry into the alleged corruption in the military, saying the hearings had established that the wealth of Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia was indeed unexplained.

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Palace announces breakthrough on 'sin tax' bills

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE "NAKED OX" strategy of President Macapagal-Arroyo has broken the impasse on the measures raising taxes on cigarettes and alcohol products, Malacañang said yesterday.

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THE GOLDEN YEARS. "Sponsorship" ... "Ginintuang Himig" ... (caption partially illegible)

'So moving to be with the children with special needs'

By Cheche V. Moral

Lifestyle

"IT WAS very moving to be with the children. I saw all kinds of children, many children with very special needs, children in jail, children who are given another chance," Princess Caroline of Monaco told the Inquirer yesterday...

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MOBBED by children of a lesser god, Princess Caroline ... at a Makati store ... (caption partially illegible)

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONTPAGE

Palace shrugs off coup reports

Court martial

Intention

COA clears Garcia on cash advances

By Michael Lim Ubac



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Cop dies solving robbery spree

By Leila B. Salaverria



QUEZON City officials examine dozens of reportedly tampered or illegal weighing scales confiscated from vendors in the city.

A stay-in worker

Brave and hardworking

QC execs nab 107 erring vendors

By Tina G. Santos

School principal swap stirs up Tondo teachers

By Tara V. Quismundo

Upsilon-Sigma Delta holds reunion

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Up in arms again

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SC, new law strike blow for battered women, kids



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NBI has nothing on Erap, says prober

Palace declares end of Ramadan a public holiday

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Businessmen tell GMA: More economics, less politics

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British tobacco firm bucks proposed tax

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GMA lauded

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'No order to search for explosives'

Japan won't withdraw troops from Iraq



Kerry, Bush: the battle of the Yale old boys

Thai PM apologizes for deaths of 78 Muslims in custody



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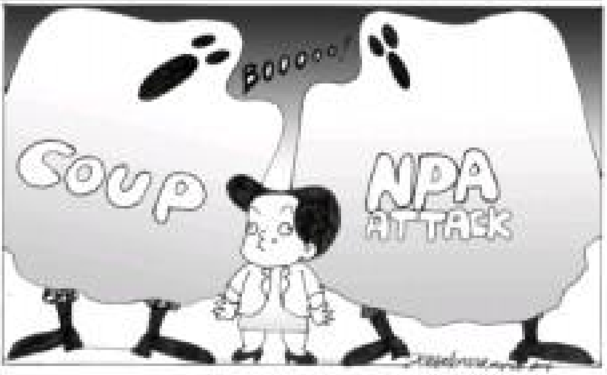
Prehistoric dwarf skeleton found on Pacific island

Three Japan quake victims found after 4 days



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OPINION



Royalty

IF there is justice in this world, no Filipino children would be at the mercy of toxic wastes left at the former US military bases in Clark and Subic. If there is justice in this world, they would—like all children should—be happily at play and looking to a future brimming with hope. They would not be grievously ill, their bodies riddled by afflictions directly caused by the toxins still enveloping their homes, poisoning the water they drink and the very air they breathe. Quite simply, they would not be dead.

EDITORIALS

More than a decade after the US bases on Philippine soil were closed down in September 1991, toxic waste contamination remains an undiminished plague. [illegible]

Class

CLASS is as class does. Princess Caroline's brief stay in the Philippines [illegible]

Generals in Asean's 'laggard'

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

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Horror story

THERE'S THE RUB

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Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



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'No al bloqueo'

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo



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Sweat of a woman

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



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Life and when it stops

YOUNG BLOOD

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Fictitious letter-writer?

Was it just an election come-on?

Church site not a gov't donation

Across the NATION

Group says 3 rivers contaminated

Cites EMB findings of high levels of chromium hexavalent



PRECARIOUS

DENR says new coliform crisis looms in Boracay

ROUNDUP

Prosecutor probed

Capiz warden axed

Skeletons dug up



'Pork' appetite drives bid for another district

NDF says slay plot report 'outright lie'

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Taxes sought on gas project

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6-month strike at bus firm ends

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Leaning school worries parents

By Romulo O. Ponte
Pueto, Laguna

STUDENTS and teachers had barely warmed up to their new two-story building in Pueto town in Laguna when something bizarre jolted officials six weeks after classes started: it was leaning to the east side.

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THE LEANING building of the Pueto National High School in Pueto, Laguna at the foot of the Sierra Madre mountains.

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Former dump

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No defects

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JDV wants House to end Garcia probe



Forfeiture petition

Public opinion

10 days to answer

No shortcuts

Mandatory penalty

'Huge amounts'

Abaya's wife challenges Miriam: Name names

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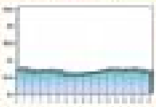
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Call center sector sees ₱38B in revenues

Meralco posts 251% jump in 9-month profit

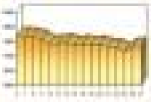
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STOCK MARKET

Shares close 0.31% higher



Debt service to eat up 30% of '05 budget

World Bank unit buys 20% stake in RP insurance firm

By Doris C. Dumlao





Meralco posts . . .

Debt service . . .

Gov't to exclude GFI deposits in computation of public debt



CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT



British bank launches credit card

14 RP firms joining China exposition

State assets eyed as collateral for loans

Rotary, Le Club FCC to meet







THE MANOBOS are the prime movers in the reforestation project.

PNOC-EDC returns the favor to Mother Nature

By Abigail L. Ho

CORPORATE CITIZEN

Expanding project



THE MINDANAO geothermal power plant.

Mobilizing indigenous people

More than just a tree

Kalapan's home

Gov't fights uphill battle to light up 'darkest region'

By Joey E. Espinosa

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Poverty incidence

Lack of economic support

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Corn imports seen going down

By Christine A. Gayliban



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ADB grants $150-M agri productivity loan

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PLDT implements new rate in Cebu



GSMI Q3 earnings up

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LIFESTYLE



Book the chef when you book the flight

Things are looking up for the flying gourmet who takes Singapore Airlines

READ the menu and savor the moment. Take time and contemplate the creative artistry of some of the world's greatest chefs."

Creative menus

Eight wonders of the world



CHEF Yeung Koon Yat's signature dish—braised dried Japanese abalone with chicken in superior sauce. Simple, unpretentious and oh so tender



THIS unique plate holds chef Nancy Oakes' delicious duck breast stuffed with porcini mushrooms on baby spinach salad



THE VARIOUS dishes created by the ICP that are now available in SIA flights

Book the chef when you book the flight

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Portale, who is executive chef and co-owner, Gotham Bar and Grill, New York City, as dining at higher altitudes continued to change. Asked what he remembers as the best meal on a plane, he commented, "Singapore Airlines' food is certainly very good. Our figures tell, we're far ahead of the competition!"

At the ICP dinner, French chef and owner Blanc of Poitiers, France, autographed my copy of the menu with his famous chicken signature dish "it is the only chicken deserving the appellation controlee like the best wines." Blanc has been with ICP since 1998, and to him the spirit of the dish is most important. The cooking method and freshness of the ingredients make for good success.

"The essence of my cooking is that it should prepare you for get-up-and-go, and not going to bed for three days afterwards," said Ramsay, proprietor and head chef of the restaurant bearing his name in Chelsea, England.

Oakes, proprietor and executive chef of Boulevard Restaurant in San Francisco, did not agree that airlines should serve snack boxes instead of hot meals. "The challenge is in economy class. How to make it an experience and provide flexibility of timing and ensure nutrition concerns in all meals," she noted. She would like to translate Western food into small plates, much like Spanish tapas put together in one tray "to amuse" the passenger.

For the ICP dinner, Yeung Koon Yat, proprietor, manager and head chef of Forum Restaurant in Hong Kong hand-carried the abalones from Japan. He prefers rich and elaborate Cantonese cuisine and uses the clay pot to preserve the original taste of his ingredients. The former Invitational guest, he said, was the Gold Medal presented by the Club des Chefs des Chefs in 1996, since he is one of only three people in the world who have received it.

To deliver an authentic Kaiseki experience, Murata, proprietor and head chef of Kikunoi and Roan Kikunoi in Kyoto, emphasizes seasonality of ingredients, close attention to the flavor, texture, aroma and visual composition of his food. He's not afraid to experiment and draws inspiration from Western dishes.

Morris, proprietor and head chef of Ar's in Sydney, has been with the ICP for one and a half years. "I love doing this for SIA.



CHEF Gordon Ramsay and the author



A FANCY vegetarian platter by chef Sanjiv Arora, the finale of the ICP degustation dinner



ROAST wild salmon, fennel confit, roma tomato and black olive oil, lemon basil emulsion—chef Alfred Portale's example of New American Cuisine



AT SIA kitchen's tray assembly line, an all-woman crew puts together the food components that comprise meals for all classes.

It's important for us to put our names on quality." Asked what the latest trends in food are, he said that "it is produce driven. What is new is what evolves, like the English Hi-cuisine, an excellent fish, sdy, but fine to us." In 1995, he stayed 10 days at Hotel Inter-Continental in Makati, enjoyed our cockfights and went out of town to visit the hot springs.

Arora, director of food production for India's Taj Group of Hotels, envisions serving airline food on a thali made of stainless steel or gold plated, introducing traditional Indian flavors but with a modern presentation and evolving more ethnic dishes that also reflect contemporary health preferences.

We progressed slowly through each course, relishing each bite, taking in the nuances of flavors and gushing at the delightful presentations (like the unique plate used by Oakes for her stuffed duck breast with porcini mushrooms). And naturally, each course was complemented by a sampling of the finest wines served in First Class, a Dom Pérignon 1996, Domaine Laroche Chablis Premier Cru 1999, or a Chateau Pichon Longueville Grand Cru Classe Pauillac 1997.

Just desserts

By the sixth course though, we were ready to throw in the towel; we'd not been trained for so much gastronomic action! But just when we thought it was all over, we were led to still another room for the dessert buffet.

This was a visual highlight—the darkened room had subtle spotlights focused on huge blocks of ice that held hundreds of gorgeous fruit sherbets, pretty cakes and pastries (yes, some were Arora's Diwaali!). We had to make more space for these sensational desserts, accompanied by sips of Warre's 20-year-old Tawny with our coffee.

I've tasted the creative artistry of some of the world's greatest chefs, and it was truly unforgettable. The amazing thing is that this same fine dining experience can be shared by passengers on all three flight classes of Singapore Airlines. So the next time I'm seated on a plane, I will definitely "read the menu and savor the moment."



FROZEN ice in fruits—you can't possibly pass up these sherbets of guava, rock melon, strawberries, peaches and durian. They're so gorgeous!



CHEFS Yoshihiro Murata, Oakes, Arora and Blanc



CHEFS Koon Yat and Portale wait for the media people's questions.



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CLAUDINE Manggaoing is the person to call for imported fruits, plums, pears and others, as well as nuts.

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KITCHEN RESCUE

Reggie Aspiras



ON OCT. 10, my favorite couple in-law, Dondi Villafuerte, and my Tita Charito celebrated their birthdays at Mama Rosa. I couldn't recall having a meal there and being disappointed.

Food's grand finishing as Corned Beef, Pinoy Bitsu Noodles with Shiitake Mushrooms, Lechon Kawali with Kalabasa Sauce... I am eagerly awaiting the launch of their Binigang Bar. A new feast for the senses, complete with all the little nifty gadgets for the extra touches.

Tita Dolly Lazaro and her daughter, chef Golda, never cease to amaze me with their creativity. They represented the Philippines in the food expo in Japan where Filipino/Mama Rosa products were used as ingredients for sushi. They came up with innovations such as Kinilaw with mangga, crablike, Bubbles and Adong. Mama Rosa Timog, [illegible] 9321 [illegible].

Photo shoot

Oct. 13—Went out on a photo shoot for my book. Among the places I visited was the newly opened Terry's Deli at The Podium. I was thoroughly impressed by the whole set up and was especially dumbfounded by the biggest collection of dry pasta in all sizes, cuts and flavors imaginable—from whole wheat spaghetti to squid ink tagliarelle to three- and five-color fusilli, mushroom and truffle-flavored pasta to chocolate pasta.

I saw Fromage Frais (fresh curd cheese from France) and Creme Fraiche, flown in from France weekly. Equally impressive are the choices of chorizo, jamon and queso from Spain! A major discovery was the Schott Diva Line of bordeaux, burgundy, viola, beaujolais, champagne and sherry glasses. The glasses are beautiful, reasonable and sturdy. Grace Bruder, Terry's manager, banged the glass on the shelf's edge to prove it. Terry's is at the lower ground floor, The Podium, 6383725/30.

Confectionery supplies

Oct. 13—Cake decorator Melissa Lim, a student of mine and owner of Cake World and Kitchen Works, is the person to call for cake decorating and confectionery supplies. She gave me the number of Claudine Manggaoing, importer of fresh blueberries, raspberry, strawberries, figs, California plums, limes, persimmons, plums, royal pears, red onions and pistachios roasted in lemon, in rock salt, saffron etc.

That same day I met with Rosie, the student who worked with Boyeth Villavicencio. If you

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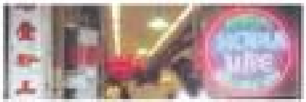
THE CONSUMER
Marietta Rivera Velasco Gervasio

From our e-mail

Theft at gym

> Non-document shipment has to pass through customs and, if assessed to be taxable, will not be delivered until the dues are settled

Salted specialties



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Divisoria tour

Trimming the tree